

DOMAINE
ALEXANDRE BONNET
LES RICEYS



COTEAUX CHAMPENOIS

BLANC, 2020

This exclusive and fundamental blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir expresses the pure, mineral essence of Les Riceys terroir.

Anecdote

This is the second vintage of still white wine ever to be produced by Domaine Alexandre Bonnet.

This limited edition is a return to what is essential, an opportunity to discover the substance and soul that all our wines share.

In the vineyard

Terroir: A variety of limestone and marls from the Kimmeridgian Jurassic era; cool and sunny semi-continental climate typical of southern Champagne, moderate altitude of 250 m.

Grape varieties: 60% Pinot Noir vinified as white wine, blended with 25% Chardonnay and 15% Blanc Vrai.

Viticulture: Agroecological practices: precision viticulture, broad-spectrum protection, soil tilling, grassing or sowing in the inter-row, organic composts, no weedkillers, no insecticides, HVE and VDC certifications since 2015.

Environment: Development of biodiversity by planting orchards, truffle oaks and honey plants, and by mowing grassy areas late in the year to protect pollination times, restoration of local heritage structures (small stone huts known as *cadoles*).

In the cellar

Harvest: Manual only and gradual depending on grape ripeness. Sorting is carried out in the vineyard. The grapes are brought to the winery immediately, in perforated boxes.

Vinification: Slow pneumatic pressing, static settling, alcoholic fermentation in 100% stainless steel tanks for Pinot Noir and 50/50 in tanks and Burgundy barrels of 3 wines for Chardonnay, natural malolactic fermentation, slight addition of sulphites.

Maturation: On fine lees in tanks and barrels with light stirring for 9 months then aged for 1 year in bottle.

2020 vintage: 1,795 bottles produced.

Wine

Appearance: Clear and bright, yellow with green and gold glints.

Nose: Very complex floral aromas (white flowers, honey, pollen), accompanied by fruity aromas (peach, ripe apricot) and a touch of butter.

Palate: Ample and vibrant attack, structured by a mineral backbone (gunflint) and tightened by a lively finish.

Cellaring time: Pour this wine within 3 years to enjoy its youthful qualities or wait up to 10 years for a more complex experience.

Service: Pour at 8-10°C and leave it to breathe for 5 minutes in the glass. Serve with a sea bream and avocado tartare, sole meunière, warm oysters or Chaource cheese.

Eco-design packaging

- Burgundy sommelier bottle
- Natural cork closure sealed with wax
- Water-saving cotton label
- FSC sustainable case of 6 bottles laid flat of which 90% recycled
- Pallets of 90 cases, 540 bottles

Analyses

Alcohol: 12,50 %

Acidity : 4,8 g/L H2SO4

pH : 3,02

Sulphites: 80 mg/L

Vintage 2020 :

After a very wet, but rather mild winter, the season kicked off with a dry spring. The vines broke bud on April 9 and grew very quickly, thanks to higher-than-usual temperatures.

Harvesting began on August 21. The harvest was very healthy and well-balanced.

